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CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

NOTE VERBALE DATED 7 MARCH 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

The Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations presents her compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Afghanistan, and, referring to his note dated 19 January 2000, has the honour to inform him of the following concerning the national implementation of the United Nations sanctions against the Taliban as established by resolution 1267 (1999).

The Council of the European Union adopted on 15 November 1999 a Common Position concerning measures set out in resolution 1267 (1999). The implementation of this Common Position required the adoption of a Council Regulation because of the existence of Community competence in the field. The corresponding Council Regulation (No. 337/2000), concerning a flight ban and a freeze of funds and other financial resources in respect of the Taliban of Afghanistan, was adopted on 14 February 2000. The Regulation entered into force on 17 February 2000, and is binding in its entirety and directly applicable in Finland as a State member of the Union.*

The Act on the Enforcement of Certain Obligations of Finland as a Member of the United Nations and the European Union (659/1967 as amended by 824/1990 and 705/1997) provides for national implementation of European Union sanctions. According to the Act the penalty to be imposed where the provisions of a Council regulation concerning the interruption of certain economic relations are infringed is provided in the Penal Code of Finland, chapter 46, sections 1-3. Forfeitures are provided in chapter 46, sections 8-13.

* Copies of the Common Position and Council regulation are on file in the Secretariat, room S-3055.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs issued notification No. 267/2000 on 6 March 2000 in the Finnish Register of Decrees, on the entry into force of Regulation 337/2000 and information on applicable penal provisions. This notification was for information purposes and did not have constitutive effect. In order to further enhance the implementation of resolution 1267 (1999) the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has circulated copies of Council Regulation 337/2000 to relevant national authorities. The Council of the European Union further urged the Taliban to comply fully and urgently with resolution 1267 (1999) in the Council Common Position adopted on 24 January 2000.